

## SILVER JUBILEE

**To Be Observed by the Very Rev. Father Thomas A. York.**

**Solemn High Anniversary Mass at St. Paul's Next Tuesday.**

**Right Rev. Bishop and Many Priests to Felicitate Popular Pastor.**

## FINE CAREER IN THIS DIOCESE

The Rev. Thomas A. York, rector of St. Paul's church, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in the priesthood on Tuesday next, June 24. On the occasion of this silver jubilee the many friends of Father York, both in the clergy and among the laity, will take occasion to felicitate him on his great success in the holy ministry. Father York is one of the most popular pastors in Louisville, beloved by his congregation and respected by everybody. His work since he has been in holy orders has been varied, and his life is an inspiration to those who are engaged in similar activities and a benediction to all with whom he has come in contact.

On the occasion of Father York's silver jubilee the Right Reverend Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Dennis O'Donoghue, will grace the occasion and show his appreciation by being present at the solemn high mass, which will begin at 10 o'clock, the reverend jubilarian being the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald, as deacon, and the Rev. Stephen Holleran, of Irvington, as sub-deacon. The Very Rev. James Cronin, Vicar General of the diocese, and the Rev. Father Reverman will be deacons of honor to the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue. The Rev. Father George A. Schuhmann, Chancellor of the diocese, will be master of ceremonies and the Rev. Father Kalaher, of St. Columba's, assistant master of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Askermann will deliver the jubilee sermon.

Following the solemn high mass there will be a banquet at the rectory of St. Paul's, at which many of the clergy of the city will be present.

Varied and interesting as well as full of labor performed for Christ has been the priestly career of the Rev. Thomas A. York. Born in the Puritan State of Massachusetts, he was ordained by Archbishop John Cardinal Gibbons at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. His first mission in Kentucky was here with Bishop McCloskey, where he remained but three months, when he was sent to temporarily fill the vacancy in a mission in the Jackson Purchase, below Paducah, where there are now five priests doing the work performed by him alone.

Bishop McCloskey found it hard to keep a priest at Hickman, Ky., and he told Father York to go there, saying to him that if he would succeed he would be almost performing a miracle. Father York did perform a miracle or a series of miracles at Hickman. He found the church building tottering and falling into ruin. He tore down the old church and built the handsome edifice which is now an ornament to the town, its tall steeple being visible to tourists who pass up and down the river for a distance of twenty miles. Travelers say it reminds them of the city of Queenstown, when entering Cork harbor. Father York's work in Hickman is a monument to his untiring energy and the devotion of the congregation, over which the Rev. Father Menna now presides.

From Hickman Father York was sent to Union City, Tenn., after having received full faculties from the Right Rev. Bishops McCloskey and Rademacher, of Nashville, and the Most Rev. Dr. Kenrick, of St. Louis, to go up and down the Mississippi like Father Marquette and the Jesuit missionaries of old. Father York was successful as a missionary priest, and during his ministry in this field in three years brought over sixty into the church of Christ. So well liked was Father York in Union City that a banker named Walker and other citizens importuned him to remain and they would build a home for him. During his stay there he ministered unto the people of Mayfield, Fulton, Paducah Junction, Union City, Humboldt, Tenn.; then to Columbus, Ky., across the river to Belmont, Mo. He was permitted to say the first high mass at Union City, Tenn., in the Court House.

Father York returned to the diocese of Louisville on November 23, 1891, and was assigned to his present pastorate by the Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey. He found the church in debt \$10,000 and only one-third of the edifice built. He got rid of the old parlor organ and put in a fine church organ. He completed the church and enlarged it; built a fine new parochial school, which is now attended by 150 pupils. He also made many other improvements. All the time he has not forgotten the spiritual welfare of his congregation, and especially the children.

of his silver jubilee will be an occasion for many congratulations. Father York is in good health and bids fair to observe his golden jubilee.

## LIVING OLD LIFE AGAIN.

In the words of Cardinal William O'Connell, when seen in Rome last week, "the Pope has been rejuvenated by his recent illness. His Holiness says that what he passed through during April has been a real cure." Cardinal O'Connell said, "and he now feels what he was in Venice before leaving for the conclave in 1903. He therefore insists upon resuming the life he used to lead when he was in Venice, adapted of course to the seclusion of the Vatican, where he can not have either a romantic gondola or the soothing surroundings of the canals and lagoons which he loved so well. He substitutes a morning drive in the Vatican gardens with their wonderful hedges of clipped box and spreading umbrellas of pines, so characteristic of the Roman landscape. Once there he takes a little walk and enjoys the conversation of Father John Hagan, the learned director of the Vatican Observatory, formerly of Georgetown, and returns to his apartment the moment the heat begins to be felt. He knows that behind the massive walls of the Vatican Palace it is possible to keep his rooms at a moderate temperature, however hot the sun may be outside. As if in Venice, he has resumed his audiences in the open air, which always constituted one of his greatest pleasures, as he says that it is then, when he is in the midst of his people, that he feels like a shepherd watching his flock."

## NOTABLE WEDDING.

A marriage of interest in Catholic circles will take place next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Charles Borromeo church, when Rev. Charles P. Raffo, the pastor, will unite in the holy bonds of wedlock James A. McKelran and Miss Estelle Louise Baker. The ushers will be Messrs. Cary Hines, William Taylor, John Hogan and Edward McKelran. Miss Savage is a young lady of many accomplishments and is the sister of Mrs. Thomas Savage and Oscar J. and Sergeant Harry Baker. The groom is connected with the Stewart Dry Goods Company and is active in business and society circles. Following the church ceremony there will be a reception at the Savage home, 650 Granger court, after which the happy couple will leave for a two weeks' wedding trip to Chicago and the Northwestern lake resorts. Upon their return they will go to house-keeping at 3638 West Chestnut street.

## HOLY ROSARY ACADEMY.

The closing exercises of Holy Rosary Academy were held last Friday morning at Bertrand Hall. It was a delightful entertainment, diffusing brightness and joy and beauty to all the audience. The operetta, "The Rose and the Laurel," sung by a band of graceful little ladies, adorned in pink chrysanthemums, borrowed from an old Japanese legend, and sings of the victory of lowly virtue over the fascination of exterior charms. The graduate, Miss Mary Rose Moriarty, and the commercial graduates, Misses Ida May Smith, Laura Reasor, Margaret Sheehan, Mary Rose and Mary Kilkeny, gave ample evidence of the thorough educational training which is received at Holy Rosary Academy. The subject of Miss Moriarty's valedictory was "Life." Her views were replete with the spirit of hopefulness and joy, so charming in the young novice in the drama of life. Father McGovern delivered an address, which was appreciated by all who heard, and his words of commendation to the parents of the pupils of Holy Rosary Academy were a strong plea for Catholic education. The exercises were closed with a sacred chorus, "Holy Art Thou," sung to Handel's Largo and accompanied by the Holy Rosary orchestra. Those present felt that much praise is due the Sisters of Holy Rosary Academy.

## HOLY LIFE ENDS.

Sister Mary Nechtild Siemer, a widely known and beloved nun, succumbed to paralysis early Saturday morning at the Ursuline Convent. She was a devoted and active worker in the hospital and in the parlor. She was stricken three days before her death. Sister Mary had been a member of the order thirty-nine years and had charge of the teaching of music at the Ursuline Academy. She was fifty-three years of age and a native of Louisville. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siemer, of 710 East Chestnut street, a brother and three sisters survive. The funeral was held Monday morning from the convent chapel, the interment being in St. Michael's cemetery.

## DELIVERED ADDRESS.

Hon. Edward J. McDermott, Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, delivered a most powerful address at the memorial exercises held at Monroe, Mich., on Wednesday, celebrating the battle and massacre of the River Raisin, which occurred in the month of January, 1813. The other speaker for the occasion was the Governor of Michigan, W. M. Ferris.

## COVINGTON.

Very Rev. Father Brossart, of Covington, will on August 14 complete his twenty-fifth year as pastor of the Cathedral and Vicar General of the diocese. When called to these high positions he was irremovable rector of St. Paul's church at Lexington. Father Brossart is now making a tour of Europe.

## GROTESQUE.

**Character of Work the Guardians of Liberty Have Assumed.**

**Their Conception of Liberty Is Similar to That of Puritans.**

**Despicable Part They Played in Long Island School Election.**

## A POLICY OF BLIND HATRED

After the A. P. A. died a lingering death another anti-Catholic organization was formed to take its place and carry on its work. The latest spawn of religious bigotry chose to be known by a name which, considering the character of the work those taking it are engaged in, is supremely grotesque. They have dubbed themselves Guardians of Liberty. Their conception of liberty is similar to that held by Gov. Endicott, of Massachusetts, in Colonial times. The Governor was a Puritan of Puritans, who was saturated with all the narrow prejudices of the sect to which he belonged. On one occasion he was haranguing in the open air his fellow Puritans upon the need of defending the religious liberty for the sake of which they had left their English homes. He was interrupted by an Episcopalian who had been placed in the public stocks for the crime of being loyal to his religious views. "Call you this religious liberty?" was the pertinent question the pious Episcopalian put to the Puritan Governor. The latter was not the least disconcerted by it. Turning to the one who put it and shaking his sword at him he made answer, "We give liberty to worship God, but not the devil."

This reply voices the sentiment of the Guardians of Liberty, says the Freeman's Journal. They believe with Gov. Endicott that liberty is a monopoly in which only those should participate that share the religious, or rather anti-religious, views of the Guardians of Liberty, who are convinced that their Catholic fellow-countrymen should be discriminated against on all occasions. If they could have their way Catholics would be deprived of the liberty of holding civil offices—Federal, State and municipal; of liberty to earn their daily bread in the various occupations; of liberty, in a word, to enjoy the full right of American citizenship. These intellectual descendants of the bigots who made up the rank and file of Know-nothingism and A. P. A.—ism have the shameless effrontery to proclaim that they are actuated by "patriotic motives" in championing a policy which is at war with all that is included in the term Americanism.

The manner in which the Guardians give practical effect to their "principles" is illustrated by the part they played in an election held in Nassau county, Long Island, for a member of the local school board. One of the candidates for the office had drawn down upon himself the condemnation of the Guardians of Liberty, who rallied to defeat him at the polls. The head and front of his offending was that he did not obey the Guardians when they ordered him to dismiss two teachers, who are Catholics, from the public schools of Nassau county. Both of the teachers very properly refused to read the Protestant Bible to their pupils. In doing so they were within their rights. The theory is that the public schools are non-sectarian. A teacher reading the Protestant version of the Bible to pupils during school hours is acting contrary to this theory. The principals of the two schools in question did not assist upon the Catholic teachers doing what they were under no obligation to do. At the time set aside for the reading of the Bible the principals went to the school rooms and did the reading themselves. This arrangement was not satisfactory to the Guardians, who wanted the Catholic teachers deprived of the liberty of earning their livelihood without doing violence to their conscience. The candidate for re-election to the School Board against whom the Guardians were arrayed stated his position in this clear-cut manner: "I would rather be defeated than interfere in any way with the religious views of any teacher or pupils in the district." The candidate opposing him made this plaint: "It is most unfortunate that I have the support of the Guardians of Liberty, as I understand I have."

This incident in the anti-Catholic campaign carried on by the organized bigots known as the Guardians of Liberty is insignificant in itself, but it helps illustrate the character of the work in which these bigots are engaged. There are no tactics disreputable to which they are not ready to resort.

A correspondent, who resides in Paterson, N. J., sends a copy of the infamous Knights of Columbus oath which the Guardians of Liberty are widely circulating in that city. It will be recalled that a Philadelphia court recently published with fine print and in prominent type a person who published the vile thing. The insensate bigots who are spreading it broadcast in Paterson, N. J., care not that it insults the intelligence of every one capable of thinking. They are acting on the principle that

no lie is too gross or too revolting if it can be employed to propagate their own hatred of the Catholic church. It is humiliating to have to turn aside from more important work and devote time to exposing the character and tactics of these camp-followers of Protestantism. Their policy of blind hatred demonstrates that they have no religion of their own.

## COMING EVENTS.

In response to many requests, the Kentucky Irish American will publish from time to time for the convenience of all concerned a list of coming church or society entertainments, in order to avoid unnecessary opposition by those contemplating selecting an entertainment date.

Sta. M. and E. Hospital—Lawn fete, June 23, 24, 25. Young Men's Social Club—Picnic at Schneider's Park, June 24.

Catholic Woman's Club—Lawn fete, Spring Bank Park, Wednesday, July 9.

Ann's church—Lawn fete on church grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10.

Hibernian Social Club—Moonlight excursion, Monday, July 14.

Trinity Council—Picnic, Phoenix Hill Park, July 15.

St. James Bell Club—Lawn fete on church grounds, Bardstown road, July 23.

St. Vincent de Paul Church—Picnic at Phoenix Hill Park, Wednesday, July 16.

Retail Grocers—Picnic at Fontaine Ferry Park, July 24.

Mackin Council, Y. M. C.—Outing at Stower's Grove, July 24.

St. Leo's church—Picnic on church grounds August 6.

St. Anthony's Hospital—Garden party, Vernon and Sycamore, Wednesday, July 23.

## MULLANEY—BUCKMAN.

Next Tuesday morning with a nuptial mass in St. Louis Bertrand church at 8 o'clock the Rev. Father Baxter will perform the marriage ceremony uniting the lives of Miss Mary Mullane, daughter of Mrs. Susan Mullane, 1034 South Sixth street, and Clarence J. Buckman, a popular employee of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. The attendants will be Miss Margaret Connelly and Thomas Mullane. After the church ceremony a wedding breakfast will be served at the home of the bride's mother, and then the couple will leave for a honeymoon trip to Washington, Philadelphia and New York. After July 4 the bride and groom will be at home at 1034 South Sixth street. There is much interest in this wedding, and among the out-of-town guests will be Miss Kate Talty and Kate Moran, of Memphis; Miss Aloise Ashbrook, of Chattanooga, and Miss Bertha Collins, of Woodlawn.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Boniface church over the remains of Mrs. Christina Dreel, one of its oldest members. Her death occurred Monday and followed a surgical operation. Two sons and three daughters survive her.

Miss McCrall, an aged and respected employee of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, died early Tuesday morning at his home, 2427 West Madison street. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters. He was a member of St. Charles church, from where the funeral was held.

The funeral of Thomas Pendergast, a veteran Louisville fireman, was held yesterday morning from the Cathedral. For some years he had been residing in Detroit, where he died last Tuesday. The remains were brought to the residence of his wife, Mrs. Camilla Mattingly, where they were viewed by many of his old friends and associates.

Richard McEvoy, for forty years a resident of this city and long connected with the L. and N. railroad, died Tuesday morning at his home, 517 North Twenty-first street, following a long illness. He is survived by his widow and four sons, Joe, James, John and Charles, the two first named being members of the fire department, and four daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Russell, Jennie, Sadie and Mary McEvoy.

The funeral of Nellie Miller took place from St. Mary Magdalene's church this morning at 9 o'clock and a large concourse of friends followed his body to its last resting place in St. Louis cemetery. Mr. Miller was thirty-eight years of age and was a Spanish-American war veteran, and during the last several years conducted a saloon at Floyd and Breckinridge. Besides his mother, Mrs. Mary Miller, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Edward McDonald, of this city, and Mrs. L. Klein, of St. Louis.

## FORTY HOURS.

Tomorrow morning the beautiful devotion of Forty Hours' prayer will open at Holy Trinity church, East Kentucky street, with solemn high mass, and continuing until Tuesday. Rev. Father Bertram, the pastor, will conduct the impressive services, which will be inaugurated by a procession through the church. Many local priests will assist Father Bertram during these devotions.

## REICHERT

**Announces For Mayor and Will Contest For Progressive Nomination.**

**A Case of Personal Popularity Against Axton-Herald Machine.**

**Republicans Give Promise of Displacing Progressives As Contenders.**

## SEVERAL DEMOCRATIC CONTEST

Hardly had the followers of the political game gotten over the announced withdrawal of Judge Bingham as a possible Mayoralty candidate than they were surprised to hear of the entrance of Capt. Frank A. Reichert in the arena as a candidate for the Progressive nomination, backed by the support of former Mayor Grinstead, Matt Holt and other late comers into the Progressive ranks from the Republican party, but who arrived too tardy to capture control from the Axton-Herald combination. Capt. Reichert was formerly an Alderman under the Republican administration and was the Republican nominee for City Treasurer in 1909, polling 23,777 votes for that office against Andrew Sae's 23,948, Cohn, the Tyler candidate, receiving 922, the Democratic candidate's plurality being 2,071, and in the Fourth ward, where Mr. Reichert resides, he received the largest vote on either ticket.

As can be seen from the foregoing, Mr. Reichert would be a formidable candidate if given the nomination, but the Kentucky Irish American is still standing behind its prediction of last week that Stace Manager Duncan Clark, of the Progressives, and political manipulator of the Herald's support has already arranged the stage setting and the word gone down the line that the nomination must go to Wood Axton, who will furnish a good campaign barrel for the ex-Republicans to spend while fighting the cause of the common people and echoing the high sounding reform phrases of the Herald political manager. If the great common people, whom the Progressives profess to love so well, were allowed to select their choice in the Progressive primary Capt. Reichert, with his large personal following, would distance Axton easily, but the Progressive machine controllers have decreed otherwise and the people's choice is marked for slaughter. In spite of all the loud bluster of the Roosevelt followers, the local Republicans are mapping out a course that will put in quietus on the misfits, having secured the men like ex-Gov. Wilson, Henry L. Stone, George Wood, Joseph Conkling and other men of standing in the community to accept the G. O. P. nominations, and with more men of that caliber the Progressives will be a bad third in the general election.

Many of the candidates have already filed their petitions for the August primary, the second of July being the last day of filing, and from the present outlook there will be about six or seven contests from a Democratic standpoint, among them being the City Treasurer's race, Charles Milliken, the present Tax Receiver, conducting a hustling campaign for the nomination, his opponent being Adolph Schmitt, the former making many friends by his addresses, and is standing on his record in the Tax Receiver's office. The candidates for Aldermen have no opposition, while Jack Vogt in the Fourth ward, Joe Lapaille in the Ninth, Fred Heffernan and Charles Coon in the Twelfth, are the only new entries in the Councilmanic races. Henry E. Crawford is making a winning fight for Magistrate in the Third Magisterial district and his friends predict him an easy winner. From the present outlook a splendid delegation is expected to be selected in the Legislative races, those having no opposition at present being George Barrett, Adam Spahn, William J. Kuh, Mayzee O'Brien, William A. Perry and Will Duffry, and it is believed that the set of lawmakers can dissuade Legislator Spahn from introducing any more bills similar to the present law of fining a man for the giving away of a street car transfer.

## SACRED HEART.

The Sacred Heart school at Seventeenth and Broadway will tomorrow morning celebrate the close of another most successful year with a thanksgiving mass, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Patrick Walsh. At the close of the mass there will be a distribution of diplomas and awards, for which there has been an earnest rivalry throughout the school year. Father Walsh takes a deep interest in the education of the children, and his commercial department takes rank with any in the city.

## MARRIED AT FAIRFIELD.

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Robert Batchelder to Carl Breckel was solemnized Wednesday at St. Michael's church in Fairfield at 8 o'clock in the morning, the Rev. Father Pike officiating. Miss Willie M. Lane acted as bridesmaid and Arthur E. Livingston was Mr.

Breckel's best man. Messrs. James and George Batchelder were ushers. The residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Batchelder, where the wedding breakfast was served immediately following the ceremony, was garnished with asparagus plumes and Southern smilax for the occasion. In the afternoon the bride and groom left for a trip through the North and East for several weeks, after which they will be at the homestead on Gray street. Quite a number went from this city to witness the ceremony.

## PRESENTATION COMMENCEMENT.

The auditorium of Presentation Academy presented a brilliant and inspiring scene when the commencement exercises were held Monday morning. A programme that pleased the great audience was rendered by the pupils, after which crowns and diplomas were conferred by the Right Rev. Dennis O'Donoghue upon the following young ladies: Misses Marie Elsie Biehl, Helen Rock Ryan, Catherine Marie Mylor and Adeline Mary Scharfberger. Literary honors were given to the following: Misses Josephine T. Burkley, Marie Schimpfeler, Mary C. Mandler, Adele M. Schneiderhan, Nellie A. McElhenny, Marie Michelle Shea, Virginia Murphy, Mary M. Mylor, Rosa M. Mylor, Alice M. Sheehan, M. Isabel Steidle and Lella M. Traub. Literary certificates were conferred on Misses Marie Trula Bowman, Constance Elizabeth Schildt.

## HONOR "JACK" BARRY.

"Saucy Jack" Barry, first Commodore of the United States Navy, first Captain of the first ship owned by the Continental Congress and generally termed the father of the American navy, was honored Saturday afternoon by several thousand Irish-Americans in ceremonies attending the unveiling of a granite tablet on the wall of St. Mary's Catholic church, Philadelphia. The tablet was erected by the Wexford '98 Society, composed of men from the same county in Ireland as Commodore Barry, who is buried in the graveyard adjoining the church, and it is designed to perpetuate his memory after the crumbling tomb has disappeared. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, came to attend the ceremonies. He occupied a seat on the speaker's platform and made a brief address.

## FETE THREE DAYS.

The big lawn fete for the benefit of St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital will open Monday on the extensive and grass covered grounds fronting that institution and continue afternoon and night for three days. For months the good Sisters of Charity and their lady and gentlemen friends throughout the city have been preparing for this lawn fete, which promises to excel anything of the kind ever held in Kentucky. At the opening of the week every committee reported ready for the opening. Each afternoon and evening there will be a bounteous dinner, and at night there will be a beautiful electric display and illumination. There will be a number of booths presided over by Louisville's most charming maids and matrons, and scattered over the grounds will be found attractions and amusement devices in endless variety. It is expected that every Catholic man and woman in the city will show their appreciation of the Sisters and their charity work by paying this lawn fete at least one visit.

## PEWEE VALLEY.

An immense gathering is looked for at Pewee Valley tomorrow afternoon, when Bishop O'Donoghue will deliver the most successful speech of his life, raising the whole Irish question to the heights of idealism, which presented a forcible contrast with the mean and petty appeals to religious bigotry and the futile threats in A. Bonar Law's speech, which had immediately preceded.

## SISTERS OF MERCY.

The graduation exercises of the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy were held in the school hall on Tuesday morning of this week and graduation honors were conferred on Misses Julia May Driscoll and Catherine May Carraro by Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue, both graduates being accompanied by little crown bearers and flower girls, Mary Elizabeth Barry and Mary Catherine Osterman being attendants for Miss Driscoll and Catherine Eva Gramig and Anna Catherine Schulz for Miss Carraro. "Patricia," a drama in four acts, was given by the pupils in addition to several musical numbers and recitations, among which was "A Boy's Idea of Girls" by Master Joseph Spangler, who won hearty applause by his rendition. Rev. Father Cletus Brady, C. P., delivered the principal address.

## CLERICAL AID SOCIETY.

At the election of board members for the Clerical Aid Society of the diocese of Louisville the following clergy were elected for the term 1913-1915: The Very Rev. J. P. Cronin, V. G.; the Rev. B. H. Westermann and the Rev. G. W. Schumann, D. D. The officers of the Board of Directors for the next year are: The Rev. E. J. Lynch, Vice President; the Rev. Patrick Walsh, Treasurer; the Rev. G. W. Schumann, D. D., Secretary.

## USED BILLION BRICK.

More than a billion bricks were used in Greater New York last year, most of which came from brickyards along the Hudson river.

## AS

**Declares Ulster Not Be Tolerant Government.**

**Home Rule Battle Reunited Liberals and Scores Victory.**

**Orange Utterances Make Impossible Any Compromise With Tories.**

## CARSON CAMPAIGN A FIZZLE

We have had a painfully exciting week, called Hon. T. P. O'Connor, who rarely has seen in political life such rises and falls of temperament. Even the most hopeful Liberals and Irish began to think that the Government might be doomed and come to a sudden and ignominious end, but evidence before the Marconi committee once more the Liberal party began to breathe freely. When things had come to this more hopeful stage a welcome relief came in the renewal of the struggle on the home rule bill, for today, as often cabled, home rule is the greatest and most potent weapon in unifying, encouraging and hardening the Liberal party. One felt at once the clearer, purer and more bracing atmosphere.

This transformation of the situation at once revealed itself. The debate went with a bang from the start to the finish. Several brilliant and bold speeches were made by the Liberals and Irish, while every utterance from the Tory benches breathed despair. Sir Edward Carson, the Orange leader, could only renew his shriek that the Liberal resort to civil war rather than submit to home rule. Arthur J. Balfour was weak and despondent and a Bonar Law confessed that the Irish problem must be faced, though he had no solution unless the Orangemen combined with the Nationalists in demanding it. As the Orangemen have committed themselves to the statement that they will still resist home rule if it does not come in general elections and all the English parties approved it, any compromise with them is made impossible. On the other hand, Premier Asquith spoke with his usual clearness and aroused the Liberals and Irishmen to enthusiasm by the declaration that Ulster's demand could not be tolerated by any government. This showed that amid all the disagreements of the Marconi scandal and in the face of the Orange threats, Asquith remains unmoved and unflinching and he will go right on to the end. Dillon and Devlin, the Irish leaders, also spoke powerfully, and John Redmond produced a great effect by quoting innumerable resolutions passed by the American Legislatures in favor of home rule, and also by quoting the outspoken letter of Theodore Roosevelt praying for the success of the home rule bill not merely in the interest of England and Ireland, but of the good relations between America and England.

The splendid triumph of the whole debate reached its climax when Arthur Birrell, Secretary of State for Ireland, delivered the most successful speech of his life, raising the whole Irish question to the heights of idealism, which presented a forcible contrast with the mean and petty appeals to religious bigotry and the futile threats in A. Bonar Law's speech, which had immediately preceded.

The majority of ninety-eight, was unexpectedly big at it was, was less than the majority of 111 on the third reading last year, but that majority was unexpectedly enlarged by the unusual number of sick men in the Tory ranks. It is astounding and gratifying proof of the perfect solidarity on the Irish question in the Liberal ranks that every single Liberal except two, who have always opposed the home rule, and one crank, who always has remained voted for the bill. Only two Tories were present and they were peremptorily ordered by their doctors not to leave their sick beds, and every Labor man was present except three, who could not possibly attend. This absolute solidarity in the ranks of all sections of the coalition is heralded as absolute proof that the Liberals will not allow the Marconi scandal or any other issue to defeat or weaken their determination to carry home rule through all the stages until it is on the statute books and beyond the power of the Tories either to defeat or recall. Thus the week which began in something approaching despair ended by finding the Liberals and Irish in splendid spirits.

Carson's campaign to the English and Scotch cities, in spite of the careful and expensive organization, already has rather fizzled out, and its coup de grace will come when Redmond and the other Irish members follow next week in the same cities with an easy exposure of the whole fabric of religious bigotry and ridiculous bluff on which the Orange campaign is founded.

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